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SUBJECT: KC SECTOR 33 APPROACH

REF: PHNOM PENH 12305 AND PREVIOUS

1. INDONESIAN CHARGE JANWAR DJANI CALLED ON CHARGE SEPTEMBER 14 FOR UPDATE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. HE SAID THAT SAMPHANAKRY, THE INDONESIAN-TRAINED KHMER DEFECTOR TO THE KC SIDE WHO HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE INDONESIAN EMBASSY FOR SOME MONTHS, CAME TO SEE HIM THE AFTERNOON OF SEPT. 13, ACCOMPANIED BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON WHO PURPORTED TO BE FROM SECTOR 33.

2. SAMPHANAKRY SAID THAT PAK NEAM HAD RETURNED TO SECTOR 33 HEADQUARTERS CARRYING THE SIGNED ORDER FOR THE SIX COMMISSIONS AND HAD REPORTED TO SECTOR COMMANDER THACH YOEURN. ALL WAS PROCEEDING WELL, AND SAMPHANAKRY HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO COME TO THE CITY TO EXPRESS HIS SIDE'S APPRECIATION TO THE INDONESIANS FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING CONTACT WITH THE GKR. SECTOR 33 PEOPLE ARE ALSO AWARE (FROM THE INDONESIANS) THAT AMERICAN EMBASSY FAVORS POSITIVE RESPONSE BY GKR TO SECTOR 33 APPROACH.

3. SAMPHANAKRY STATED THAT ROUTE 3 "WOULD BE OPEN" BY

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SEPTEMBER 24. WITHOUT EXPLAINING SIGNIFICANCE OF THAT

DATE, HE ADDED THAT INDONESIAN AND AMERICAN EMBASSIES WOULD BE WELCOME TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES DOWN ROUTE 3 AFTER THAT DATE.

4. SAMPHANAKRY SAID THAT HE, ACTING ON BEHALF OF SECTOR 33 KC LEADERSHIP, HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH A NUMBER OF NEIGHBORING KC SECTORS RECENTLY. HE CLAIMED THAT SECTOR 32, LOCATED TO THE WEST OF 33 ACROSS ROUTE 4, HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS SIMILAR TO THOSE PROPOSED BY SECTOR 33. ACCORDING TO SAMPHANAKRY, ABOUT 800 COMBATTANTS ARE INVOLVED IN THIS POTENTIAL MOVE IN SECTOR 32. OTHER SECTORS WHICH HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST, ALL PRESUMABLY CONDITIONAL ON A FAVORABLE OUTCOME IN SECTOR 33, ARE SECTORS 15, 20, 24 AND 25, ALL TO THE SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST OF PHNOM PENH.

5. SAMPHANAKRY ALSO RELAYED A REPORT REGARDING A 200-MAN VIET CONG DETACHMENT NOW LOCATED IN KC SECTOR 22, TO THE NORTH OF THE TOWN OF PREY VENG. THIS GROUP WAS REPORTED TO BE IN POSSESSION OF TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS, ALLEGEDLY "CIA AGENTS," WHOM THE VC GROUP PROPOSED TO TRANSPORT NORTH, PRESUMABLY TO HANOI. DJANI ASKED IF WE HAD ANY MISSING AMERICANS, "CIA AGENTS" OR OTHERWISE, IN THE AREA, AND THE CHARGE REPLIED IN THE NEGATIVE. APPARENTLY THERE IS SOME FRICTION BETWEEN KC UNITS AND THE VC UNIT IN THAT AREA, AND SAMPHANAKRY REMARKED SPECULATIVELY THAT THE KC MIGHT END UP HAVING TO FIGHT THE VC.

6. IT WAS AGREED THAT THERE IS LITTLE NOW FOR EITHER US OR THE INDONESIANS TO DO PENDING THE RETURN OF PAK NEAM TO FANC COMMANDER IN CHIEF LTG SOSTHENE FERNANDEZ, HOPEFULLY ACCOMPANIED BY KC SECTOR 33 COMMANDER THACH YOEURN. THIS MAY TAKE AWHILE LONGER, BUT DEVELOPMENTS CONTINUE TO APPEAR ENCOURAGING. SAMPHANAKRY'S APPROACH TO THE INDONESIANS MAY SIGNIFY THAT THE SECTOR 33 PEOPLE ARE STILL NOT ENTIRELY CONVINCED OF GKR GOOD FAITH AND WISH TO KEEP THEIR LINES OPEN TO THE INDONESIANS (AND THROUGH THEM TO US) FOR REASSURANCE THAT ALL IS GOING WELL.

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